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Letter dated 22 May 1995 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to the President of the Economic and Social Council

At an informal meeting of the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women, joined by a group of "friends of the Bureau", which was held on 22 May at United Nations Headquarters in New York, it was agreed that it would be highly desirable to hold, prior to the convening of the Fourth World Conference on Women, informal consultations on those sections of the Platform for Action that would be particularly amenable to such consultations.

The informal meeting further agreed that I should seek the authorization of the Economic and Social Council for the convening of such informal consultations, and it agreed on language for a draft decision, that the Economic and Social Council might wish to adopt in order to authorize them.

The text of the proposed decision is attached to this letter (see annex). It is my understanding that conference services would be available during the proposed dates.

I therefore have the honour to ask for your kind assistance in apprising the Economic and Social Council of this matter, with a view to obtaining the authorization of the Council for such consultations.

(Signed) Patricia LICUANAN
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Annex

PROPOSED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE DRAFT PLATFORM FOR ACTION

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To authorize the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to conduct open-ended informal consultations from 31 July to 4 August 1995 to further consider the draft Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, specifically in order to consider portions of the text of the draft Platform for Action that remain within brackets;

(b) That the results of such consultations shall be transmitted in the form of a non-paper to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing for its pre-Conference consultations.